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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 62

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 62 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO INCREASE THE FEDERAL BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND AFTERSCHOOL SNACK REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the United States Secretary of Agriculture to increase the breakfast, lunch, and afterschool snack reimbursement rate for Hawaii to fifteen percent over the respective reimbursement rates for Alaska.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Ulupono Initiative and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the school meal program provides valuable nutrition for many Hawaii children. The high cost of food in Hawaii should be recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture, and properly reflected in the reimbursement rates for school meals and snacks. Additional federal funding for school meals may allow schools to source more fresh local foods, which may aid in Hawaii's goal of becoming more agriculturally sustainable.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 62 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Education,

MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR C2	Committee Referral	: Da	te: 3/20/	15
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.				
If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended 2312 2311 Hold Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)				_
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)				
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				. "
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				∨
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				V
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				<u> </u>
THIELEN, Laura H.				
SLOM, Sam	•			
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Recommendation:				
Adopted Not Adopted				
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